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MAY DAY SLOGANS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

- 1- Workers of all countries, unite!
- 2- Long live the May Day - the international day of struggle, unity and solidarity of the working class!
- 3- May Day must be again an official holiday!
- 4- Everybody who does not want to be annihilated in a nuclear war! Let us support the peace proposals of the Soviet Union against the policy of the ruling circles of NATO to turn away from detente, to instigate the arms race and anti-Sovietism! Let us oppose the deployment of new nuclear missiles to Western Europe and Turkey, and the neutron bomb!
- 5- The relations with the Soviet Union, with all socialist countries, with all our neighbours, with the non-aligned movement, with the antiimperialist countries and movements are to be strengthened!
- 6- All forces who are for the independence! Let us unite against the efforts of imperialism, especially of US imperialism, of blackmail and impositions, and to interfere into our internal affairs!
- 7- No to the Rapid Deployment Forces of the USA! Be under the etiquette of USA or NATO, struggle against the delivery of bases or any facility to them!
- 8- We must step out of NATO, the US bases and nuclear weapons on our territory must be annuled, and the bilateral enslaving treaties must be torn up!
- 9- The invoice of the crises must be paid by imperialism and the collaborating monopolies, by the big landowners, by the banks and big businessmen! End the plunder of the budget and state enterprises by the monopolies! The tax burden must be carried by the monopolies and the big landowners! The military expenditures imposed by NATO and which are deepening the crises must be decreased!
- 10- Economic relations with all countries, including the socialist countries, basing on equal rights and mutual benefit are to be developed, instead of the unequal relations with the imperialists!!
- 11- Struggle against the attacks on the wages, salaries, and the social rights of the working people! Struggle against unemployment and price increases in order to raise the purchase of consumption of the people!
- 12- Forces who are for democracy! Unite against the reaction inside and outside the army and against the pro-fascists in order to end the anti-democratic repressions of the junta!
- 13- United struggle against the anticommunist instigations against the democratic forces, communists, organisations of the working class, Kurdish patriots, peace fighters, patriotic intellectuals, artists and scientists, and against all repressions and attacks!
- 14- Salute to the patriots, workers, trade unionists and communists who are forced to celebrate the May Day in prisons and torture chambers! Freedom to all political prisoners excluding the fascists and maoist terrorists! End the

repressions, brutality and tortures! All torturers must come into light, all torturers must deliver account! The decision to increase the detention period to 90 days must be abolished!

15- Struggle for democratic rights and freedoms, for freedom of thought and organisation, against the paragraphs 141 and 142 of the penal code and all anti-democratic laws, against the expulsion from citizenship!

The ban on the CPT, TİP, TSİP and on all antifascist parties, on trade unions and democratic mass organisations must be lifted, the repressions must end!

16- End the national discrimination against the Kurdish people! Autonomy to the Turkish Kurdistan! Right to self-determination to the Kurdish nation!

17- The leaders of the fascist MHP, first of all Türkeş, and of the AP who cooperated with them must be punished! Bring to light the fascist elements within the army and the state apparatus!

The counter-guerilla must be destroyed! The responsables of the massacre of the May Day 1977 must be punished!

18- Without the overthrow of the junta regime it is impossible for the people to reach real democracy!

19- Advanced democratic revolution for a radical end to the imperialist pressure, for saving Turkey from backwardness and crises, for the improvement of the living conditions of the people, for ending the fascist danger and terrorism!

20- Unity of all national democratic forces against dependence on imperialism, against the exploitation of the monopolies, against the inner reaction, and for jobs, land and freedom!

21- Struggle for the unity of the working class! Unity of action of CPT, TİP and TSİP!

22- Struggle for the voluntarily trade union unity of all workers from DİSK and Türk-İş on the basis of the interests of the working class! Workers from Türk-İş! Upset the plans of letting the workers' masses without trade-unions, of closing the doors of Türk-İş for the workers and trade-unionists from DİSK, of unequal implementations! Workers from DİSK! Keep alive the traditions and organisational ties of the class and mass trade unionism in the struggle for the voluntarily united trade unions!

23- The bans on trade unions and on DİSK, with the exception of the fascist trade unions, the limitations on the trade union activity must be abolished, the imprisoned president of DİSK Abdullah Baştürk, the leaders of DİSK and other trade unions and the leaders of factory councils must be released!

24- Struggle for the defence of economic and social achievements, for preventing the dismissals, against the abolition of trade union rights and freedoms, for the unlimited rights to strike, for free collective bargaining and being organised in trade unions!

25- No to the High Arbitration Council which is functioning for the benefit of the monopolies!

The representatives of Türk-İş must resign from this pro-employer council!

26- The minimum wage must be risen immediately to a level convenient for a human life!

27- Let us raise the struggle capacity of Türk-İş against the attacks of the monopolies and anti-worker implementations of the government! The representative in the government from Türk-İş must not be a tool for the anti-worker laws and implementations!

28- Struggle against policy of discrimination on the workers working outside the country! Unity of action of the local and foreign workers against the monopolies, against overwhelming the burden of the crises on the shoulders of the working people!

29- Struggle against the payment to the peasants for their products under their value, against the limitation of the cultivated land without delivering the necessary support to the small producers, and against the merciless exploitation by the monopolies and big land owners! The debts to the peasants must be paid! The debts of the working peasants must be abolished!

End the repressions against the democratic cooperative movement!

Freedom to the leaders of Köy-Koop!

30- Struggle against the tax law which brings the small tradesmen and craftsmen to ruin, and against the high interest rates for the credits! Struggle against the attacks on the rights of retirement!

31- Struggle against the dismissal and exploitation of all progressive and patriot employees and teachers!

32- Struggle for the antiimperialist and antifascist unity of the progressive, democratic and patriotic youth, of the Turkish and Kurdish youth! Jobs, democratic and free education to the youth! Struggle to defend the autonomy of the universities!

33- Real equal rights to the women! Freedom to the democratic womens' movements! Struggle for a strong and united womens' movement!

34- Patriotic soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers! Oppose the plans of dragging the army into imperialist adventures!

The army must be taken off the command of NATO! National army, democracy in the barracks! End to make the soldiers as a tool for the brutality against the democratic forces and the working people! Abolition of the fees to OYAK!

35- Against the instigation of US imperialism and anti-Soviet campaigns, solidarity with the people of Afganistan!

36- Against the military efforts of imperialism and threats of USA, solidarity with the people of El Salvador, the peoples of Central and Latin America!

37- Against the Peking hegemonists, the guilt sharers of imperialism, solidarity with the people of the Far East, with the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos!

38- Against imperialism, Zionism and reaction, solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian and all Arab peoples!

39- Salute to Soviet Union, the fundamental source of force of the world revolutionary process, the stronghold of world peace and socialism, salute to CPSU, the party of Great Lenin!

40- Long live the proletarian internationalism!

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Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

MAY DAY SPEECH OF COMRADE İ.BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPT

May Day!

Congratulations to the working class of Turkey, to working people, to communists, to all patriotic and progressive forces on the May Day, the international unity, struggle and solidarity day of the working class.

The May Day is going to be celebrated in every corner of the world in a different form. Today the peoples of the socialist countries turn the May Day squares into a festivity ground. They are running to new successes in building socialism and communism under the slogan "everything for the well-being of the people". The workers of the developed capitalist countries are uniting to repel the attacks of the monopolies on the rights of the working people, for security of jobs, for better life and working conditions. In the other countries May Day is the banner of the national independence struggle against imperialism, neo-colonialism and racial discrimination.

However, today there is a common slogan which is raised in all countries: Let us defend peace! Every human being who wants to live is shouting on the May Day the demands of preventing a nuclear war, stopping the arms race and continuing detente. In the strongholds of imperialism, in USA, in Federal Germany, in Japan the masses are uniting against the efforts of US administration and NATO to return to cold war, to mount the tension, and against the merchants of death, the arms' monopolies. Millions of people are recognizing the importance of the Soviet peace proposals and approving this concrete peace programm. The peoples of the Middle East are resisting the blackmail and impositions of US imperialism and its efforts to turn the region into a barrel of munition.

Our country is not outside these dangers. The US imperialists and the ruling circles of NATO have filled our country from Edirne to Kars with bases of espionage and nuclear depots. They are not content by this. In order to drag our people further more into fire, they are increasing their pressure. They are intending to turn our territory into an outpost of imperialism against the neighbouring socialist countries and the peoples of the Middle East, and to make the army a tool for imperialist adventures. For these aims, they are trying to break every realist tendency in the foreign policy of Turkey and to disturb the relations with the socialist countries.

The dangers are concrete. Moreover, the patriotic forces who have first warned the public against these dangers, who are opposing the dependence on imperialism, the pro-NATO position, and these sources of the crises, are today under severe repression. The ruling generals have abolished all fundamental democratic rights and freedoms. They have deprived our country of defence against imperialist impositions. In the prisons there are more patriotic and democratic forces rather than fascists and maoists. Those who are repressing the working class, the most energetic, most progressive, and revolutionary section of the society, who threaten the patriotic intellectuals help merely for the increase of the influence of the imperialists and the collaborating reactionary forces. These are directing the anti-communist and anti-Soviet campaigns launched by the CIA towards all forces who are for democracy and peace. They are preparing a milieu for full enslavement to imperialism, NATO and Common Market. The fascist forces within the army and state are preserving their force.

The fascist MHP is mounting its illegal organisational work. The fascist danger is not yet prevented. The dependence on imperialism, on NATO, the economic crises and the class sources of terrorism have not been abolished.

The working class and our people are facing this May Day under extraordinary hard conditions. The holiday of May Day has been annulled. DİSK is prohibited. Numerous leaders of the working class are imprisoned and under torture. Türk-İş is deprived of functioning. Now can the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie limit the wages and other rights of the workers. The seniority compensations are diminished. The usage of the right to free collective bargaining is banned. The dismissals are increasing. The workers go to work starving. Those who take the products of the peasants for very low prices are now demanding moreover taxes. The number of the shop keepers who close down their shops, of the drivers who sell their cars, and the small entrepreneurs who shut down their enterprises is increasing rushly. The state organs, the universities and the schools are intended to be turned into barracks. Heavy brutality is exerted in order to suppress the democratic national demands of the Kurdish people.

The junta reign is giving what it is taking from the table of all people to the monopolies as support and credits. According to Özal, the further increase in the profits of the monopolists would save the economy. However it is obvious that it is impossible to overcome the crises by forcing the people with weapon to hunger and poverty, by filling the cashes of the monopolies. The big monopolists are plundering for long years. Their plunder is mounting more and more. Last year, while the wages were decreasing, 6 monopolies profitted more than 1 billion TL according to press. There are monopolies which have increased their profit 10 times in one year. Which problem has been solved? It is observed that, while the plunder of the monopolies is increasing, the crises is deepening and the people are becoming more and more poor.

Today no other force than the creative force of the working class and working people can overcome the deep crises. The repulsion of those who are seeking to consolidate the military regime or to turn into a controlled and repressive regime, the orientation towards democracy is merely possible through the consistent struggle of our working class, through the unity of all national democratic forces. This is the way of the solution.

Our people did not forget and is not forgetting the traditions of the May Day. What a massive force hundreds of thousands of workers, employees, intellectuals, peasants, women, and youngsters have formed in May Day 1976... How they have stuffed up 1978 by uniting the barrels of the guns which vomited death in 1977.

How they have continued this tradition 1979 and 1980 in different conditions. Our working class takes its force from the accumulation of struggles on the May Day.

What do the military coup of 12 September, the junta, all anti-democratic repressions besides the prohibition of the May Day, indicate? First of all, this indicates that the unity of the working class and the unity of action of all national democratic forces is not yet achieved sufficiently.

Today the joint struggle of the trade unionists from DİSK and Türk-İş for the voluntarily trade union unity, for free collective bargaining, for unlimited right to strike, for opening of DİSK and for the release of the imprisoned trade unionists are carrying a very big importance. The lessons droven by the workers'

parties from the past errors which prevented them from political unity, and the strengthening of the unity of action by them is further more necessary.

The junta abolished besides the May Day, also the holiday of 27 May. This event proves once more that patriotic officials and intellectuals who are bound to the ideals of democracy and independence, to the antiimperialist traditions, and who are for a national army must be in solidarity with the struggle of the working class. The main enemy of democracy, peace, national independence and of the rights of the workers and working people is the same. This is imperialism and the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie, the most pro-American, the most reactionary and pro-fascist forces inside and outside the army.

The joint struggle of the members of the CPT, TİP and TSİP together with the broadest democratic forces is a precondition for scattering the dark clouds over our country and people. The CPT is fulfilling every task in this direction, and it will fulfill it also in the future.

The burning problems of the youth are waiting to be solved. The unemployment is hitting mostly the young people. Half a million youngsters are in front of the doors of the universities. The education is now not free. The prisons are full with young people. We must win the youth for the struggle for democracy and national independence. The sacrifice of the youth to terrorism must be prevented! The independent progressive organisation of the youth of Turkey, the İGD fulfilled very important tasks in this direction through the unselfish struggle of its tens of thousands members. The young people who said: "the road of the working class is the road of the youth" are also today at the side of the working people. They are helping those young people who thought that terror could solve every problem, who were involved into adventures and who harmed the struggle for democracy in finding the right way in this difficult situation. The way of struggle without being involved into adventurism, without being pessimist goes from the ties with the masses. The working class and our working people need a united antifascist and antiimperialist youth movement much more than ever. This task is in front of all progressive and revolutionary youngsters.

The forces of socialism, peace, national independence and democracy throughout the world are winning new successes one after the other. Imperialism and its collaborators can not stop the forwards development of the history. Neither the new weapon factories, the new nuclear missiles, nor the new prisons and torture chambers can stop this development. Also in our country. No force will be able to suppress the national and social liberation struggle of our people, and its demands for job, bread, land, and freedom.

The working class and our people have not said their last word yet. They did not surrender to the military dictatorship. They will not surrender! The working class and our people will prove that they are able to open way for a brilliant and contemporary future for our country. Our people will determine its own future futby itself! They will end the trampling of the national honour by the generals of Pentagon and NATO, and by the transnational monopolies. The independent and democratic Turkey where the May Day will be celebrated freely will be established surely!

We are sending on this May Day our revolutionary solidarity greetings to the leaders of DİSK, trade unionists, leaders of the factory councils, leaders of the peasantry, progressive youth, women and teachers, members of TİP and TSİP, Kurdish democrats and to all antiimperialist and antifascist forces who are in

prison and under torture.

The communists are also on this May Day on duty under hard conditions, in every corner of the country, in every section of the society, and in the struggles of the people. The struggle is going on. Long live the May Day, the international unity, struggle and solidarity day of the working class!

THE DELEGATIONS OF THE CPT PARTICIPATED IN THE CONGRESSES OF THE BULGARIAN CP, CP OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF GERMANY

The delegations of the CPT headed by comrade I. Bilen, General Secretary of the CC of the CPT, participated in the XII. Congress of the Bulgarian Communist Party and the X. Congress of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany. A delegation of the CPT took part in the XVI. Congress of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

In all speeches delivered on behalf of the CPT, the international situation, the turning of imperialism from the policy of detente to the policy of confrontation with the socialist countries, and the dangers against the world peace are mentioned. The Leninist peace policy of the socialist countries are appreciated. The importance of the peace proposals of the XXVI. Congress of the CPSU for the working class and peoples of the world is underlined. The achievements of the peoples of the socialist countries under the guidance of the communist and workers' parties are estimated highly. The intention of imperialism to use Turkey in its aggressive and adventurist plans in the Near and Middle East is described concretely. It was declared that the CPT is struggling under hard conditions to establish the united front of all national democratic forces against the imperialist impositions, dependence on NATO, the most reactionary and pro-American forces inside and outside the junta, the repression of the junta on the democratic forces, and for the economic and democratic rights of the working people.

Comrade I. Bilen, General Secretary of the CC of the CPT, in his speech at the XII. Congress of the Bulgarian Communist Party expressed the pleasure of the communists of Turkey resulting from the achievements of the Bulgarian communists and people in building the socialist society. Comrade Bilen underlined the importance of the consistent peace policy of the socialist Bulgaria together with the other socialist countries for peace and security in Europe and the Balkans. He said that the development of the relations between Turkey and the People's Republic of Bulgaria is supported by the CPT wholeheartedly. He finished his speech as the following: "We are convinced that the fraternal ties between the BCP, the Party Dimitrof's, and the CPT which depend on historical foundations will strengthen further on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism."

The representative of the CPT addressing the XVI. Congress of the CP of Czechoslovakia underlined that the CP of Czechoslovakia which will soon celebrate the 60th anniversary of its founding is playing a determinative role in all achievements of the people of Czechoslovakia. The representative said: "The growth of the economic potential of the country since the XV. Congress, the strengthening of the material-technical base of the developed socialist society, the raising of the level of the living conditions of the people by lasting achieve-

ments steadily, the development of the socialist democracy in every sphere, are creating solid foundations for the people of Czechoslovakia to look to the future with security." The representative of the CPT appreciated the efforts of CzSSR for security and cooperation in Europe highly, and pointed out to the importance of the development of the relations between Turkey and CzSSR.

Comrade Ī. Bilen, in his address to the X. Congress of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, underlined that the realisation of the slogan "everything for the well-being of the people" under the guidance of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany successfully, is proving the superiority of socialism in the homeland of Marx and Engels. The German Democratic Republic which is in the midst of Europe, where the question 'peace or war' is determining and which is a solid stronghold of peace and security in the cross section of the imperialist and socialist systems is playing an influential role through its active peaceful foreign policy together with other socialist countries in defending and developing detente." He said that the CPT is working actively for the development of the friendly relations between Turkey and German Democratic Republic.

On behalf of the CC of the CPT comrade Ī. Bilen, the General Secretary of the CC of the CPT sent congratulation messages to comrade L. I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CC of the CPSU, to comrade Todor Zhivkov, General Secretary of the CC of the Bulgarian CP, to comrade Gustav Husak, General Secretary of the CC of the CP of Czechoslovakia, and to comrade E. Honecker, General Secretary of the CC of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany for their election for their responsible duties.

— from party organs —

Atılım, 1 May 1981

NO TO THE RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE!

The foreign ministers of NATO are going to meet on the eve of May in Rome. It is known that the USA and the most aggressive forces of imperialism are proposing their adventurist policy with regard of the Middle East to NATO in this or that way, and that they are demanding that the countries of this region must be counted inbetween the open aggressive targets of NATO. What is the meaning of these proposals for our country? This means an increase in blackmail and impositions for the deployment of the Rapid Deployment Force on our territory. This means that Turkey will be pressed for establishing new aggressive blocks and alliances with the reactionary regimes of the region. This means that the pressures to make the army which is under full command of NATO a tool for imperialist adventures in the Middle East will increase directly.

The role which is going to be imposed by imperialism to our country in the Middle East through blackmail, political pressure and every kind of method, will turn our territory into a center of menace in the region, and the army into a tool of USA for implementation of her dirty work in the region. No one

has the right to drag the soldiers, the majority of them working people, under the command of imperialism into adventures.

The role which is going to be imposed to our country will trample our national honour in front of the nations of the world and it will poison our relations with our neighbours and socialist countries. This will create economic, political and all-sidedly harms, and the dependence of our country on USA and on imperialism will increase further.

The source of the enmity against democracy

The dependence on USA is the determining source of the repressions on the democratic forces today as in the past. The USA finds in countries which are dependent on her the most reactionary, anti-democratic forces as her allies. Pentagon, in countries where it is implementing the strategy of inner tension, in order to limit the democratic rights and freedoms and then to abolish them does not shy any effort in order to support right and "left" terrorism. Did the terrorism which colored our country with blood not mount under the shadow of the CIA? Is it unknown that the main responsible of terror, Türkeş, is a CIA agent? Let us look at those who don't shy any attack against all persons and circles who are for independence. Are they not always those who oppose the democratic rights and who work for limiting them? Those who try to save the murderer leaders of the fascist MHP, are they not the same persons today as in the past? The role which is going to be imposed to our country in the Middle East will strengthen the pro-American forces in increasing the dependence. This will increase the anti-democratic repression, threatening all forces who are for the orientation towards democracy in Turkey.

Those who want to impose this role on Turkey which is contradicting in such a manner the national interests are finding in front of them all democrats, peace forces and the realistic circles. One aim of the pursuing the anticommunist instigations in the reactionary press on days, when the court case against the MHP is approaching, is to decrease the resistance of these forces. Therefore every repression of the junta on the democratic circles is helping the pro-American circles objectively. This is weakening the positions of those circles who are for a realistic foreign policy.

The US force under the etiquette of NATO:

The National Security Council and the government have now to choose whether to be involved within the adventurist policy of the USA in the Middle East or not, whether to bow in front of the pressures and blackmail or not. An imperialist press organ spread the information that the foreign minister Türkmen has given the promise to the USA secretly to use the bases for her operations directed to Syria, Irak and Iran. However, Türkmen said that the deployment of the US Rapid Deployment Force is regarded by Turkey as well as by other countries in the region as harming. Immediately after he said: "We are not going to take other responsibilities than those which are resulting from membership of NATO". Through such unclear announcements, the government is staying on a rotten foundation. If the Middle East countries would regard these divisions as harming, and if these forces would come under the etiquette of NATO, will he then change his views? If these forces would be deployed in our country with the command of NATO, will they then be in accordance with our national interests? Let us take "our responsibility within NATO": This shows

openly that like the secret items of the supplementary texts of the Defence Cooperation Treaty delivering USA the unlimited right of using our territory arbitrarily, the membership of NATO is giving to the decisive organs of NATO the right to use our territory. Without stepping of Turkey out of NATO, she can not be a real independent country.

Turkey must not be the slave of the decisions of NATO. Our people is demanding the resistance against such decisions as the widening of the influence sphere of NATO from the very beginning, and that it should not be allowed to implement such decisions on our territory. And our people is demanding the rejection of such decisions if they are taken; and that no base, no other kind of support should be given to the Rapid Deployment Forces of the USA.

There is no other force which is defending the independence and the national sovereignty, than the people, and the democratic forces. Every patriot must raise his voice against the pressure of imperialism. No place, no base and no facility to the US Rapid Deployment Force on our territory, even under the etiquette of NATO!

THE POSITIVE HERITAGE OF ATATÜRK

What is the positive heritage from Atatürk for today? These are first of all the principles of economic and political independence and a national heavy industry against imperialism, science and technology against the reaction, a peaceful foreign policy, and the friendship and solidarity with the Soviet Union.

The bourgeoisie was not faithful to any of these principles put down by Atatürk. Even when he was alive, the bourgeoisie started to turn away from them. After the monopolization process has begun, it surrendered to imperialism. On the other hand any of the movements which have taken the views of Atatürk as programme have been able until today to break the grip of the collaborating monopoly big bourgeoisie. İnönü surrendered to Bayar, 27 May to Demirel and the 8-9 March to 12 March. The revolutionary democratism of the Yön movement as well as the reformism of Ecevit could not find any way for a solution.

Thus, did the political importance of the views Atatürk's go to his tomb with him? The facts that the reaction has made these views a mask for its collaborating and people-hostile policy, and that the existence of Kemalists who keep alive the traditions of independence of Kemalism prove, that this is not true. The fact that the junta has made another kind of Kemalism as the foundation for its implementations, shows that this is not true. The Kemalism of the junta is a kind of Kemalism which is dominating within the top circles of the army, which has harmonized itself with the dependence on NATO and with the conditions of monopolisation, the antiimperialist essence of which has been emptied, and where the formalistic sides of Kemalism are outweighing.

The press organs which are the voices of the ruling class try to turn Kemalism into pragmatism under the mask of "being against the dogmatic principles", and they are opposing openly the principle of economic and political independence. They are making use of those declarations of the junta which are limiting these very principles. In this way, they are trying to show the reformism of Atatürk as a kind of Stolipin reformism.

Under the recent international and national balance of power, what are the Kemalists inside and outside the army going to do who pay attention to natio-

nal independence? Will they be able this time to fight successfully for those targets of Atatürk which are not realized yet?

For this aim, one must act together with the masses, with their struggles for their daily demands, one must see that the actions which are not bound with the masses will not be successful, and one must stay for democracy. For this aim, the national oppression on the Kurdish people must be resisted, one must defend oneself from the blinding effect of anticommunism and anti-Sovietism. For this aim, one must fight together with the political and trade union organisations of the working class, together with all other national democratic forces. Every Kemalist who is for independence and democracy must drive this lesson from the past.

The communists are fighting in order to bring the society of Turkey to a contemporary civilisation and to socialism. But they are protecting and will protect every personality and every political stream which was in accordance with the needs of the era because they have expressed the demands of our people for social progress.

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THE ATTACKS ON THE RIGHTS OF THE WORKING CLASS AND THE ACTIONS OF THE WORKERS

Parallel to the abolition of May Day as an official holiday, the attacks on the rights of the working class are continuing in three directions.

First, the definition of the wage was changed. Now the amount of other social rights are being counted within the wages of the workers, different from the past where under wage only the money paid to the workers was understood. Thus, the wages are decreased automatically. The minimum wage is determined as 10 000TL. According to this, one worker has not even the right to care for two persons. The minimum wage imposed to the working class is much under the amount demanded by the trade unions 1979 as 18 000 - 22 000 TL. Then the High Arbitration Council which was set up to handle the collective bargaining and where the representatives of the state, employers and Türk-İş participate, started to impose wage increases. The average rate of the wage increases for three years was decided to be 210%. On contrary, the increase of the prices only for the last three years is over 300%. The weakly "Arayış" published by Mr. Ecevit, the former president of the Republican People's Party, in its 6th issue gives the following data: the minimum wage in 1979: 5 400 TL; increase in the prices 1979-1981: 250%. Oktay Ekşi, the columnist of the bourgeois paper "Hürriyet" wrote that this means wage freeze. On the other hand, the metal and textile workers who were on strike during the 12 September coup were imposed to accept the average wage increase of 170% for three years. This was a kind of punishment of those workers the wage increases of them were taken as a measure by the whole working class of Turkey in past. It was announced that the High Arbitration Council will decide the wages of 1 600 000 workers from 1 200 enterprises.

Secondly, a new social security law is decided. In this law the fees taken from the workers were increased, the workers are forced to be cured with money, and to buy the medicines instead of taking them free, and taxes are put upon the salaries of the retired workers. This new law arrises hard protests among the working people.

The repressions on the class trade union movement are continuing. With the influence of the solidarity movement inside and outside the country, especially of the active solidarity of the WFTU, ICFTU and Confederation of the European Trade Unions, 113 prisoners of the DİSK court case are released. But on the eve of the May Day new arrests were made. Sadun Aren, co-worker of DİSK for economic reseaches, Nusret Aydın, former president of Oleyis, and 25 other trade unionists were detained. The arrest of Özcan Keskeç Mustafa Karadayı, Sefer Güvenç, Recep Koç, Tayyar Elmas, Halil Hayta arose protests among the working class. The court case against DİSK because of the "warning action against fascism" after the murder of 7 students in the University of Istanbul is going on. In the court case against 18 workers who have sung the International, the workers are threatened with 6-13 years of imprisonment.

Parallel to all these, the properties of the class trade unions are expropriated. The education and workers' holiday centers of Maden-İş and Genel-İş, and the new center building of the Genel-İş are now rented to the Tourism Bank.

After the coup of 12 September the employers who are depending on the military dictatorship started to increase the exploitation in the factories. This is responded by the working class through various actions, such:

- In a stocking factory in Istanbul, the implementation of 56 hour working week answered by the workers through diminishing the production by 20%. After this action the demands of the workers were approved.

- In a textile factory in Istanbul, the workers made meal boycott in order to to get their money.

- In different factories in different cities, the workers make meal boycotts and other types of actions in order to carry through their rights.

- In a metal factory in Istanbul the actions of the workers resulted in the re-employment of a leader of factory council who was delivered to the police by the employer before.

- The small producers, in different declarations protest the arrest of the leaders of Köy-Koop, the central cooperative organisation of the small producers. They are underlining that the court case against Köy-Koop expresses the interests of the monopolies and big landowners against this democratic cooperative center of the small producers.

- The small craftsmen and shopkeepers on whom heavy taxes are imposed are organising different protest actions as collecting signatures, shutting down their shops, and giving petitions.

On the other hand the leaders of Maden-İş and Bank-Sen who were accused by the junta to be outside the country issued a statement and declared that they are inside the country. In this statement which was distributed to all press organs, they said that they will not surrender in order to continue the struggle.

They called the working class for actions on the basis of the interests of the working class. In this statement, the attacks on the rights of the working class is protested, DİSK members are called to keep alive the traditions of the class trade unionism, members of Türk-İş are appealed to oppose the tendency among the Türk-İş leaders to let the DİSK members without the trade unions.

The trade union leaders who have refused to surrender called the working class to get organised in free, united trade unions voluntarily.

THE REPRESSION ON PROGRESSIVE PRESS

The repressions on progressive publishers and journalists are mounting. Erhan Tuskan responsible director of "Progressive Patriotic Youth" is sentenced to one year prison. He was also punished for 9 years 5 months imprisonment and 2 years immigration with the accuse of "propagating communism". Süleyman Coşkun, the Ankara representative of the progressive daily "Politika" has been detained. Atilla Tanılkan, the owner and distributor of "Temel Dağıtım" was arrested with the accus of hurting the paragraphs 141 and 142 of the penal code. Aydın Engin, columnist of the daily "Politika", and Tamer Kayaş, the responsible director of "Politika", were sentenced each to one and half year imprisonment with the accuse of "hurting the national feelings and being divisionists". Candemir Özkan, the responsible director of "Savaş Yolu" is punished for 13 years imprisonment and 2 years immigration with the accuse of "propagating communism." Before, the director of the newspaper "Uyanış", Ali Bahadır, was sentenced for two years imprisonment and 8 months immigration.

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TO THE CENRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

Dear Comrades,

On heartfelt thanks for the fraternal greeting which you sent us on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of our Party. We take this opportunity to express our firm determination to contribute to the further strengthening in the future of the friendship, cooperation and mutual solidarity between our two parties.

25th March 1981

For the Central Committee of the
Portuguese Communist Party
Alvaro Cunhal

TO THE XII. CONGRESS OF THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of all communists and the working class of Turkey, the CC of the CPT greets the XII. Congress of the fraternal Bulgarian CP sincerely.

The XII. Congress of the Bulgarian CP takes place in a period when US administration and the most aggressive circles of NATO are mounting the policy of confrontation with the socialist countries against the policy of confrontation with the socialist countries against the policy of detente, when they are exacerbatng the arms race in order to achieve "military superiority". The consistent peace policy of Soviet Union and the socialist community

is the greatest support and source of confidence against such dangers. The CPT appreciates highly the efforts of the People's Republic of Bulgaria in this direction, especially for development of peace and cooperation in Europe and the Balkans.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria under the guidance of the Bulgarian CP, is progressing with solid steps towards building the developed socialist society. The realization of the 7th Five Year Plan, the development of the material and spiritual well-being of the people, the strengthening of the social, political and ideologic unity of the society further more, these are milestones in this process. The communists of our country and all progressive forces feel a great pleasure with these achievements of the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

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The imperialist forces are mounting the policy of pressure and blackmail on our country in order to make use of the difficulties our country is facing, in order to utilize our territory for their aggressive aims, and in order to annihilate the realist tendencies in the foreign policy of Turkey. Through the persuit of anticommunism, through the instigation of the inner reaction, these are demanding a further repression on the progressive forces. The CPT is struggling under hard conditions for the establishment of the united front of all national democratic forces against imperialism, dependence on NATO, the exploitation of the monopolies, and the repression of the jnta on the progressive forces.

Esteemed comrades,

Our party pays a great attention to the strengthening of the fraternal ties between our both parties on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

The CPT wishes great successes to the XII. Congress of the Bulgarian CP.

Long live the XII. Congress of the Bulgarian Communist Party!

Long live People's Republic of Bulgaria, the stronghold of peace and security in the Balkans!

Long live Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism!

31 March 1981

İ. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

TO COMRADE HENRY WINSTON, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE CP OF THE USA

Very esteemed comrade Henry Winston,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, of all commu-

nists of Turkey, of the working class of our country and on my own behalf. I congratulate You sincerely on the occasion of Your 70th birthday and send You the fervent militant greetings of the revolutionary forces of our country.

The communists of Turkey know You with Your following words: "They robbed me of sight, but not my vision. "From Your very youth on You have joined the communist movement. You are struggling for the cause of the working class of the USA, against racial discrimination and colonialism along 50 years in the rows of the Communist Party, along 45 years in the Central Committee, and along 35 years in the Political Bureau. The Communist Party of Turkey and the communists of our country appreciate highly Your faithfulness to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, and Your efforts for the unity of the world communist movement.

The communists of Turkey and the working class of our country respect highly the activities of the Communist Party of the USA and of its prominent leaders. US imperialism and the most aggressive circles of NATO are mounting their impositions and pressure on Turkey making use of the conditions of the military dictatorship and taking the support of the most reactionary and collaborating circles inside and outside the junta and the army. They are striving to use our territory for their imperialist interests against the Soviet Union and against the Persian Gulf. The Communist Party of Turkey is waging a struggle for the unity of action of the broadest democratic forces of the working people of our country. We, the communists of Turkey know that we are not alone in this struggle. The communists and all peace and democracy forces of the USA are with us.

Esteemed comrade Winston,

We wish on Your 70th birthday health, well-being and many new successes in Your responsible duty.

2 April 1891

With communist greetings

İ. Bilen

General Secretary

CC, CPT

TO COMRADE GILBERTO VIEIRA, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CP OF COLOMBIA

Esteemed comrade Gilberto Vieira,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, of all communists of Turkey, of the working people of our country, and on my own behalf. I congratulate You on the occasion of Your 70th birthday and send our revolutionary militant greetings.

The proletariat of Turkey knows You as a brave revolutionary who has joined the rows of the working class from Your very youth on. It is appreciating highly Your struggle for the interests of the working class and working people of Colombia, Your consistent combat against right and "left" opportunism, and Your faithfulness to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

US imperialism has declared the Middle East where also our country is situated as a region of "national interests", like the Carribean. It is mounting its pressure on Turkey. Making use of the conditions of the military dictatorship, it is aiming to turn the country into a springboard for the imperialist interests. The Communist Party of Turkey is struggling for the unity of the broadest democratic forces and of all patriots against the imperialist impositions, and against the most reactionary forces inside and outside the junta who are supported by US imperialism.

Esteemed comrade Vieira,

The communists of our country are following all activities of the CP of Colombia to the founders of which You belong, and they are evaluating the increasing respect to Your party in Your country as a great contribution to the cause of peace and socialism in the world.

We wish You on Your 70th birthday health, well-being, and great successes in Your responsible duty which You are carrying out since 34 years.

3 April 1981

With communist greetings
İ. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

TO THE XVI. CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of all communists and the working class of Turkey, the CC of the CPT greets the XVI. Congress of the CP of Czechoslovakia sincerely.

The XVI. Congress of the CP of Czechoslovakia takes place in a period, when US administration and the ruling circles of NATO are increasing their efforts in order to curb detente and to mount the policy of confrontation with the socialist countries. The consistent peace policy of the socialist community, first of all of the Soviet Union, is the greatest source of confidence and strength for all peace forces. The CPT appreciates highly the efforts and steps of the CzSSR for developing the process of security and cooperation in Europe.

We, the communists of Turkey feel a great pleasure with the work in the CzSSR in building socialism and with the achievements in this direction under the guidance of the CP of Czechoslovakia which will celebrate soon the 60th anniversary of its founding. The growth of the economic potential since the XV. Congress, the raise of the living conditions of the people with solid steps steadily, and the development of the socialist democracy result in a solid confidence of the people of CzSSR for the future.

Comrades,

The imperialist forces and the most aggressive and expansionist circles of NATO, making use of the deep crises in our country and of the conditions of the military dictatorship, try to utilize our territory for their adventurist aims. In order to annihilate the realist tendencies in the foreign policy, and to achieve their aims, they are instigating anticommunism and activating the inner reaction. The CPT is struggling under hard conditions to establish the united front of all national democratic forces against the imperialist impositions, dependence on NATO, the exploitation of the monopolies, and the repression of the military regime on the progressive forces. Our party is working for the development of the relations between the peoples of the two countries. The CPT and the CP of Czechoslovakia are bound fraternally on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

Comrades,

We wish great success to the XVI. Congress of the CP of Czechoslovakia.

Long live the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia!

Long live Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism!

6 April 1981

İ. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

TO THE X. CONGRESS OF THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF GERMANY

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of all communists of Turkey, of the working class and working people of our country, the CC of the CPT greets the X. Congress of the fraternal Socialist Unity Party of Germany with the warmest feelings.

The X. Congress of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, takes place in a period, when US imperialism and the ruling circles of NATO orient towards the policy of confrontation

with the socialist countries against detente, and to achieve "military superiority" on them. The consistent Leninist peace policy of the socialist community, first of all of the Soviet Union, is the greatest support for all peace forces against such dangerous efforts. The socialist German Democratic Republic is a solid stronghold in the midst of Europe for peace and security.

The working people of the German Democratic Republic, under the Marxist-Leninist guidance of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany are progressing today on the way of building the developed socialism. The strengthening of the economic and technical potential, the raising of the level of the living conditions of the people steadily are sources of pleasure not only for you, the communists of the German Democratic Republic, but also for us, the communists of Turkey. The warm ties between the people and the party, the education of the young generation as consistent builders and defenders of socialism, the uninterrupted development of socialist democracy result in the confidence of the people of the German Democratic Republic for the future.

Esteemed comrades,

The imperialist forces are exerting a policy of pressure and blackmail on our country, in order to make use of the difficulties of our country, to utilize our territory for their adventurist aims, and to annihilate the realist tendencies in the foreign policy. They are pursuing the inner reaction, in order to achieve the increase of the repressions on the progressive forces of our country. The CPT is struggling under hard conditions to establish the united front of all national democratic forces against imperialism, dependence on NATO, the exploitation of the monopolies, and the repression of the military junta on the progressive forces.

The principles of the socialist countries, also of the German Democratic Republic, to establish relations with our country on the basis of equal rights and mutual benefit, are for the benefit of our country and people, and for peace and security in Europe. The CPT is working with all its strength in the direction of development of the relations between Turkey and German Democratic Republic.

Esteemed comrades,

The fraternal ties between the CPT and the Socialist Unity Party of Germany are strengthening steadily on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

The CPT wishes great success to the X.Congress of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany. Long live the X.Congress of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany!

Long live German Democratic Republic, the consistent defender of peace and security in Europe!

Long live Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism!

11 April 1981

I. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF GERMANY

Esteemed comrades,

With the unexpected death of comrade Gerhard Grüneberg, the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, the people of the German Democratic Republic and the German working class have lost an active communist fighter. Comrade Gerhard Grüneberg was a fervent patriot and proletarian internationalist who dedicated this combatful life for building and developing socialism in the German Democratic Republic, for strengthening the friendship with the Soviet Union and the world communist movement, and for reinforcing the world peace.

We share with you your deep sorrow over Your great lost, and send our condolences to you, to your party and to his family.

11 April 1981

I. Bilen
General secretary
CC, CPT

TO COMRADE S. A. WICKREMASHINGE PRESIDENT OF THE CP OF SRI LANKA

Esteemed comrade Wickremashinge,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the CPT, of all communists of Turkey, and of my own behalf, I congratulate You on the occasion of Your 80th birthday and send the warm greetings of our working class and our people.

The communists of Turkey know You as a prominent leader of the national and social liberation movement in Sri Lanka and of the international communist movement. The CPT is appreciating highly Your consistent position in the cause of the working class. Your active ideological struggle against Maoism and right and "left" opportunism, Your efforts in the direction of the unity of the world communist movement, and Your defence of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism as the apple of Your eye.

The "National Security Council" which has seized power on 12 September 1980 has abolished the fundamental rights and freedoms in Turkey. Tens of thousands of political prisoners, and the death of tens of democrats at the tortures are among the results of this coup. The USA administration and the ruling circles of NATO, making use of the conditions of the military dictatorship and taking the support of the most reactionary and pro-American circles inside and outside the junta, are intending to make Turkey their outpost in the Middle East. The Communist Party of Turkey is working to unite the broadest democratic forces and all patriots against the imperialist impositions, against the dependence on NATO, against the exploitation of the local and foreign monopolies, for national independence and democracy, and for the rights and interests of the working people.

The Communist Party of Turkey and the Communist Party of Sri Lanka are bound on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism fraternally.

Esteemed comrade Wickremashinge,

We wish You on Your 80th birthday health, well-being, and success in Your responsible duty.

13 April 1981

With our communist greetings
I. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

TO THE XV. PALESTINE NATIONAL CONGRESS

Esteemed friends,

On behalf of all communists of Turkey, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey sends militant revolutionary greetings to the XV. Palestine National Congress and expresses its solidarity with the fraternal Palestinian people in its just struggle against imperialism, Zionism, and reactionary forces.

The XV. Palestine National Congress takes place in a period when US administration and the bosses of NATO are mounting the international tension, forcing the arms race, and attacking the world revolutionary process diversely. The main target of the attacks of imperialism, and Zionism in the Near and Middle East are the legal rights of the Palestinian people and its sole legal representative, the PLO.

Esteemed friends,

US imperialism and the bosses of NATO are increasing their pressure on our country. Making use of the conditions of the military dictatorship and taking the support of the

most reactionary, pro-American forces inside and outside the junta, they are trying to turn Turkey into a transit base for the imperialist adventures. The Communist Party of Turkey is working under very hard conditions for the united front of all national democratic forces against the impositions of imperialism, dependence on NATO, exploitation of the monopolies, the anti-democratic repressions of the military junta, and for national independence and all rights of the working people.

Imperialism and the reactionary forces in our country try to calumniate the class trade unions and patriots as "terrorists" in order to hide the bloody murders of the fascist terror gangs. On the other hand, these same circles are defaming the PLO also as "terrorist" in order to hide the massacres exerted by imperialism, Zionism and the Kataeb gangs on the Palestinian people.

The communists of Turkey, all progressive and democratic forces and our people condemn these efforts of defaming the PLO and they are expressing their sincere solidarity with the fraternal Palestinian people who are fighting for national independence against imperialism and Zionism. The Communist Party of Turkey defends the position that a real peace in the region can only come, by Israel's withdrawal from all the Arab territories which were occupied 1967, by the recognition of the rights of the Palestinian Arab people, including the right to form an independent, sovereign state, and by respecting the rights of all states and peoples in the region. We are insisting that the PLO must take part as the legitim representative of the Palestinian people in all meetings concerning the region.

We wish great success to the XV. Palestine National Congress.

Long live PLO, the sole legitim representative of the Palestinian Arab people!

Long live the fraternity and solidarity of the peoples who are fighting against imperialism, Zionism and reaction!

14 April 1981

İ. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of all communists of Turkey, of the working class and working people of our country, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey congratulates sincerely the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Cuba and sends its militant revolutionary greetings.

The Communist Party of Cuba is continuing the greatest and most fervent traditions of the revolutionaries and patriots of Cuba in their struggle for national independence and for the well-being of the people. It is raising the ideals of Jose Marti, Julio Antonio Mella, of the brave revolutionaries who attacked the Moncada Garrison and who have overthrown the Batista regime in the struggle for the uninterrupted increase of the political, economic and military strength of the socialist Cuba, nextdoor to US imperialism.

The II. Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba which took place shortly before has proved once more that the glorious achievements of the people of Cuba in the direction of constructing socialism is closely tied with the guidance of the Marxist-Leninist Party. The Communist Party of Turkey wishes to the communists of Cuba great successes in realizing the decisions of the II. Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba.

Comrades,

The turn of the most reactionary and aggressive sections of imperialism from the policy of detente to the policy of confrontation with the socialist countries and their diverse attacks against the world revolutionary process puts burning problems in front of the peoples of the world. The peace proposals of the XXVI. Congress of the CPSU are showing the most realist and most concrete way for the defense of peace and for overcoming the danger of war. These proposals carry a vital importance also for our country which is facing now

imperialist impositions. The US administration and the bosses of NATO are increasing their pressure on Turkey to play an active role in their aggressive and adventurist plans. They want to clear the way to these impositions by persuing the inner reaction. The Communist Party of Turkey is working under very hard conditions for the united front of the national democratic forces against the imperialist impositions, the dependence on NATO, the hegemony and exploitation of the monopolies, the inner reaction and the repressions of the military dictatorship on the progressive and democratic forces.

The Communist Party of Turkey and the Communist Party of Cuba are bound fraternally on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. All progressive forces of Turkey are expressing their solidarity with the people of Cuba in its struggle to defend the achievements of socialism against the attacks of imperialism.

We wish that the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Cuba be a year of advanced steps in the struggle of all communists of Cuba, of the fraternal people of Cuba, of the peoples of the region and of the peoples of the world for peace democracy, national independence and social progress.

16 April 1981

With Communist greetings
İ. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

TO THE V. CONGRESS OF FİDEF

Esteemed friends,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey greets the V. Congress of FİDEF sincerely.

Your Congress takes place in a period, when US imperialism is trying to exacerbate the international situation and mounting the race, seeking military superiority on the socialist countries. FİDEF has worked continously for showing the importance of the struggle for peace and security in Europe for our country and for our reigon to workers who are working in Federal Germany. FİDEF and the other democratic mass organisations of our workers in Federal Germany have participated in mass actions actively which are organised to defend peace and detente. We are convinced that the struggle for peace will strengthen the unity of action among these organisations also in the future.

Our workers in Federal Germany take their place shoulder by shoulder with the local workers and with other foreign workers in class struggles. The burning problems of our workers like the preservation of jobs, housing, education are always on the agenda of FİDEF. The struggle for the democratic and social rights as a part of the working class of Federal Germany form a concrete platform in realizing the unity of action among all democratic mass organisations from Turkey.

The working class of Turkey, the democratic forces and the Kurdish democrats are celebrating this year the May Day under the heavy repression and terror of the military regime. FİDEF which is supporting the Initiative of Solidarity with the Democrats of Turkey actively and massively is contributing to the raise of the solidarity banner against the anti-democratic repressions of the junta. In this direction, steps are made in order to realize the unity of action of all democratic mass organisations from Turkey. The existing differences of iponion are not unsurmountable obstacles for raising the solidarity with the democratic forces of Turkey. We are sure that the difficulties will be surmounted through the principled action and joint efforts of all revolutionary forces.

The German Communist Party, the Marxist-Leninist party of the working class of Federal Germany, is holding high the banner of solidarity with the working class and democratic forces of Turkey who are waging a hard struggle against imperialism, collaborating monopolies, and the most reactionary and pro-American forces inside and outside the junta, and the banner of proletarian internationalism.

Esteemed friends,

We are convinced that the V. Congress of FİDEF will be a forward step in the development and strengthening of FİDEF, and in the reinforcement of the unity of action of all democratic mass organisations in Federal Germany.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey wishes great success to your Congress.

18 April 1981

İ. Bilen
General Secretary
CC, CPT

